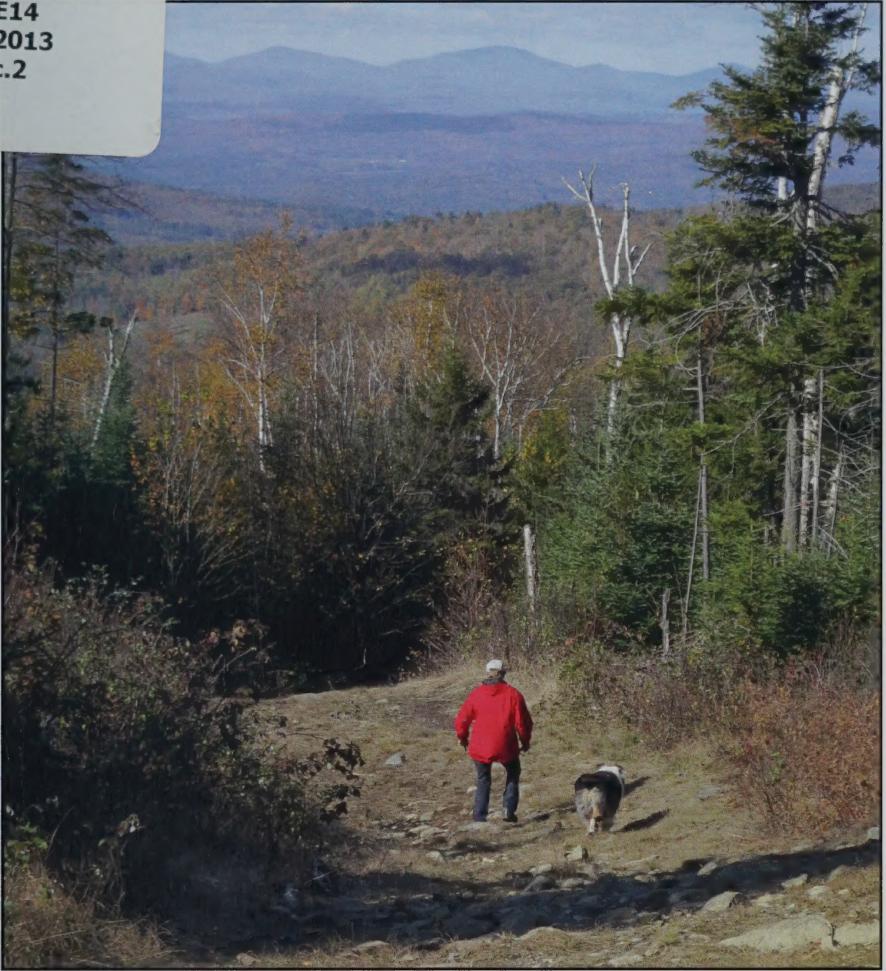


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The Cooley-Jericho Community Forest

Town of  
**EASTON**  
New Hampshire

Year Ending December 31, 2013

# The One Hundred and Thirty-Seventh Easton Town Report Is Dedicated to The Cooley-Jericho Community Forest



Thanks to the support of Easton, Franconia, Landaff, and Sugar Hill, numerous individuals, and public and private funding, the Cooley-Jericho Community Forest was created in September, 2013. This 843-acre forest has superior public recreational opportunities, includes critical wildlife habitat, protects headwater streams, preserves scenic views, offers educational uses, and will provide timber income to the Towns over the long term.

This winter, volunteers, along with a consulting ecologist, are studying wildlife and inventorying animal tracks. During the spring, bird surveys are planned. The ecologist has mapped the entire property for forest conditions and natural communities. This effort has resulted in finding larger trees than first thought and a scenic remote beaver pond. All of this information will go into a natural resources inventory and stewardship plan that will guide the management of the forest. Recreational trail planning is also underway with mapping and construction to begin later this year. There are plans to improve a parking area off Trumpet Round Road in Sugar Hill. Volunteering opportunities abound!

The Management Committee for the forest meets monthly. Easton representatives are Ned Cutler and Steve Sabre. Hikes, bird walks and other activities are posted in local newspapers, noticed at the Easton Town Hall, located on the ACT website [www.aconservationtrust.org](http://www.aconservationtrust.org) and Facebook page, and the Town website, [www.townofeastonn nh.org](http://www.townofeastonn nh.org). The Cooley-Jericho Community Forest Plan describing the land, the soil, and forest types, as well as goals and objectives is available on the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust website.

Vision, hard work, perseverance, and cooperation paid off for Easton and the surrounding Towns with the creation of a community forest that will provide year-around enjoyment and exploration for residents and visitors alike.



# ANNUAL REPORT

## of the Town Officers

for the year ending December 31, 2013

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## TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED OFFICIALS AND BOARD MEMBERS

### Board of Selectmen

Edward Cutler (2015)  
Tom Boucher (appoint.) (2014)  
Zak Mei (2016)

### Treasurer

Darrel Gearhart (2014)

### Moderator

Jim Collier (2014)

### Lafayette School Board

Mary Jo Greene (2014)

### Cemetery Trustees

Denys Draper (2016)  
Kristina Pastoriza (2015)  
Richard Larcom (2014)

### Town Clerk

Robert Thibault (2014)

### Tax Collector

Lisa Cutler (2014)

### Trustee of the Trust Funds

Ralph Brigida (2016)

### Supervisors of the Checklist

Ed O'Brien (2016)  
Lisa Cutler (2015)  
Zak Mei (resigned) (2014)

### Library Trustees

Bernice Ford (2016) Laura Treuman (2015) Laura Sabre (2014)

### Planning Board

Phil Reeder (2016) Jim Collier (2014)  
Kathy Ouellette (2015) Zak Mei (Ex Officio)  
Gary Harwood (2014) Lisa Cutler (Alternate)

## APPOINTED OFFICIALS & BOARD MEMBERS

**Fire Chief** Charles Casey **Emergency Manager** Edward Cutler

**Health Officer** Inga Johnson **Welfare Officer** Thomas Boucher

**Zoning Board of Adjustment** **Site Inspector** Selectmen

Dennis Ford (2016) **Road Agent** Robert Peckett

Greg Sorg (2016) **Recreation Committee** Susan Ford

John Hynes (2014) **Deputy Town Clerk** Shirley Boucher

Mike Kelley (2014) **Deputy Tax Collector** Robert Thibault

Tom Boucher (Ex Officio)

Jack Feenstra (Alternate)

**Animal Control Officer** Richard Larcom

### Conservation Commission

Maria Hynes (2016) Roy Stever (Chair) (2014) Alternate

Kristina Pastoriza (2016) Debbie Stever (2015) Mike Platt (2015)

Anita Craven (2015) Edward Cutler (Ex Officio)

Steve Sabre (2015)



## **SELECTMEN'S REPORT**

During the past year, the Select Board met every other Monday (see calendar on last page for this year's meeting dates) to conduct the usual business of the Town.

The Board thanked Selectman, Kevin O'Brien for his service to the Town, as he decided not to run last year. Our newly elected Selectman, Zak Mei, began his three-year term immediately following last year's Town Meeting.

This year the Board would like to thank Selectman, Tom Boucher, who decided not to run for re-election this year. For the past seven years he has well-served the Town of Easton as Selectman.

### **Building Permits**

The Select Board issued four new construction building permits this year.

### **Gibson Road**

The construction to move the entrance to Gibson Road was delayed. But we anticipate that work should start after mud season this spring. The present entrance to Gibson Road is located on the corner and intersects at a sharp angle. This represents a serious hazard for those exiting and entering Gibson Road as well as those traveling on Route 116.

### **Sugar Hill Road**

Sugar Hill Road was finally completed, providing our residents with a much improved road. Hopefully we will not have to worry about this road for a while.

### **Cooley-Jericho Community Forest**

The purchase of the forest is complete. The Natural Resource Inventory is being done over the winter and summer. Opportunities to assist in this venture are available. Please visit the forest's site at [www.aconservationtrust.org/cooley-jericho-community-forest/](http://www.aconservationtrust.org/cooley-jericho-community-forest/) for coming events.

### **Northern Pass**

The Select Board continues to oppose Northern Pass in concert with neighboring communities and committees. We will continue to work against this project including participating in the upcoming SEC process.

### **Calex Ambulance**

Last year the Town of Easton signed a new multi-year contract with Calex Ambulance Service of Vermont to provide emergency ambulance service. This was necessary because the last ambulance service (Ross) closed its doors. The service provides EMS at the paramedic level. Calex is stationed in the Littleton Fire Department. **If you are in need of emergency service, DIAL 911.**

### **Easton Town Hall Improvement Committee**

A new committee was recently formed in Town to provide suggestions regarding Town Hall improvements. The committee is presently restoring and updating the kitchen. This will provide the residents of Easton with the ability to utilize the Town Hall for events that require catering.

We enjoyed meeting with the Public and doing our best to resolve concerns and conflicts, and we look forward to serving the Town of Easton in the coming year. Please visit our webpage which we continue to improve, at. [www.townofeastonnh.org](http://www.townofeastonnh.org).

Respectfully submitted,  
The Easton Select Board  
Ned Cutler - Chairman  
Tom Boucher  
Zhenye (Zak) Mei



## TOWN MEETING WARRANT MARCH 12, 2013

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 12, 2013. Polls are open from 3:00PM to 6:00PM for voting on Articles 1-4. The Town's annual business meeting will follow at 7:00PM.

*Ballot Clerks were sworn in at 2:45 pm by Bob Thibault, Town Clerk. Jim Collier, Moderator, called the warrant, reading the paragraph above officially opening the polls at 3:00 pm. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the entire warrant by Bob Thibault, seconded by many and passed on a voice vote. Voting commenced from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Election results are below.*

*The annual business meeting for the Town of Easton was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Moderator who welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He made a brief introduction to the tradition of the Town Meeting form of government and gave the usual basic guidelines of the rules of the meeting and reminded people to state their names and addresses when recognized and to address their comments to the Moderator. The Moderator then called attention to the dedication of this year's Annual Report to Joseph Darvid, a lifelong resident of Easton who recently passed away. Toni Woodruff, Selectboard Secretary, was commended on the fine write up of the dedication. The Moderator then introduced Beth Towle as the Assistant Moderator and read the call to the warrant.*

*A motion was made by Barbara Collier, seconded by Trish O'Brien to dispense with the reading of the entire Warrant. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.*

**ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year, on the Official Ballot. (Ballot Vote)**

*The Moderator read the Article and announced the results of the Article as follows:  
With 73 People voting:*

<i>Selectman - 3 year term:</i>	<i>Trustee of The Trust Funds - 3 year term:</i>
<b>Zhenye "Zak" Mei</b> 69	<b>Ralph Brigida</b> 70
<i>Town Clerk - 1 year term:</i>	<i>Supervisor of the Checklist - 6 year term:</i>
<b>Bob Thibault</b> 72	<b>Lisa Cutler</b> 70
<i>Tax Collector - 1 year term:</i>	<i>Cemetery Trustee - 3 year term:</i>
<b>Lisa Cutler</b> 62	<b>Denys Draper</b> 53
<i>Treasurer - 1 year term:</i>	<i>Library Trustee - 3 year term:</i>
<b>Darrel Gearhart</b> 71	<b>Bernice Ford</b> 71
<i>Planning Board - 3 year term:</i>	
<b>Phil Reeder</b> 38	

**ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town is in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Easton Zoning Ordinance as follows:**

Amendment #1 proposes to reorganize several sections of the Ordinance to update several sections pursuant to changes in State law, and incorporate additional provisions of State law. (The Planning Board recommends adoption of this Article) (Ballot vote)

Yes 69 No 3

**ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town is in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Easton Zoning Ordinance as follows:**

Amendment #2 proposes to change the status of telecommunications towers and the status of excavations from permitted uses to uses allowed by special exception. In addition, language would be added to Section 1003 (Special Exceptions) requiring the Zoning Board of Adjustment to make several findings regarding safety, property values, and compatibility of the proposed excavation with the neighboring land uses prior to issuing the special exception. (The Planning Board recommends adoption of this Article) (Ballot vote)

Yes 65 No 6

**ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town is in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Easton Zoning Ordinance as follows:**

Amendment #3 moves the provision regarding driveway grades from Section 606 to a new Section, 810, in Article 8. Passage of this Amendment will mean that these limits would apply throughout the Town. (The Planning Board recommends adoption of this Article) (Ballot vote)

Yes 60 No 10

**ARTICLE 5. Town Operating Budget**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$223,415 for general Town operations as follows:

Executive	\$18,150.00
Elect Regis,Town Clerk,Vital Stats	12,650.00
Financial Administration	12,700.00
Revaluation of Individual Prop.	7,100.00
Legal Expenses	5,000.00
Personnel Administration & Payroll Taxes	2,000.00
Planning & Zoning	2,500.00
Government Buildings	16,200.00
Cemetery	3,575.00
Insurance	5,100.00
NH Association of Assessing Officials	1,500.00
General Government-Contingency	7,500.00
Police Department	1,000.00
Ambulances	3,770.00
Fire Department	23,800.00
Building Inspections	300.00
Emergency Management - Forest Fires	0.00
Emergency Management -Communication	1,500.00
Highway Maintenance	45,000.00
Hazardous Waste Collection	100.00



Solid Waste	25,167.00
Animal & Pest Control	300.00
Health Agencies & Hospitals	1,325.00
Welfare	3,000.00
Other Welfare	2,290.00
Tri-Town Recreation Programs	9,888.00
Library	250.00
Patriotic Purposes	100.00
Boys and Girls Club of the North Country	1,000.00
Other – Conservation Commission	1,750.00
Construction Bond – Principal	6,200.00
Construction Bond – Interest	2,700.00
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Total Operating Budget	\$223,415.00

*Kevin O'Brien moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$223,415.00 for general Town operations, seconded by Ned Cutler.*

*Ralph Brigida moved to amend the motion by reducing the General Government Contingency budget line from \$7,500 to \$2,500. Motion to amend seconded by Cliff Chippendale.*

*Discussion ensued as to what the fund was for and whether the amount had changed in recent years. Select Board responded that the fund is for use if the budget is overspent and no, it hadn't changed in recent years.*

*Motion to move the question by Trish O'Brien, seconded by many and passed on a voice vote.*

*Motion to amend failed on a voice vote.*

*Back to the original motion, Ed O'Brien moved to discuss the budget line by line. Seconded by Denys Draper. Line by line motion failed on a voice vote.*

*Denys Draper asked the Select Board what the result of the ambulance service negotiations were and what the cost was. Board responded that a contract had been signed with Calex Ambulance service for \$4,000. The budgeted amount was \$3,770.*

*Denys Draper moved to zero out the Boys and Girls Club donation of \$1,000 and distribute it evenly among the other charitable organizations the Town had budgeted donations for.*

*Motion seconded by Frank Woodruff. Much discussion by many as to the propriety of donating tax money to private charitable organizations. Motion to move the question to zero out the Boys and Girls Club donation and re-distribute it was made by Gary Harwood, seconded by Denys Draper and passed on a voice vote. The motion to amend failed on a hand count.*

*Ralph Brigida moved to amend the original motion by reducing the line for the Boys and Girls Club to \$250. Motion seconded by Cliff Chippendale. Natalie Stever pointed out how little that sum amounted to, about a dollar per resident per year.*

*Question moved by Darrel Gearhart seconded by Trish O'Brien and passed on a voice vote.*

*The motion to amend failed on a hand count.*

*With no further motions to amend, the original motion on Article 5 passed on a voice vote.*

#### **ARTICLE 6. Town Roads and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500 to add to the Town Roads Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

*Ned Cutler moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500 to add to the Town Roads Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, motion seconded by Darrel Gearhart.*

*Ralph Brigida questioned the nomenclature of the Article with respect to the word "and" in the Article name but not in the description. Selectboard replied that they would confirm the legality with respect to that.*

*Denys Draper questioned what the money was to be used for and was answered that it was for the repair of town roads.*

*Ralph Brigida moved to amend the motioned amount to \$7,500, seconded by Cliff Chippendale, stating that we had \$60,000.00 in the fund already. Trish O'Brien pointed out that one bad storm could do that much damage. Gary Harwood stated that Paine Rd. could be easily flooded and washed out. After other discussion Trish O'Brien moved the question, seconded by Darrel Gearhart and passed on a voice vote. The motion to amend the amount to \$7,500 failed on a voice vote.*

*Back to the original motion, no further discussion, the motion passed on a voice vote.*

#### **ARTICLE 7. Expendable Trust Fund for Maintenance and Repair of Government Buildings**

To see if the Town will vote to add \$10,000.00 to the Expendable Trust Fund for the maintenance and repair of government buildings. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

*Ned Cutler moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$10,000 to add to the Expendable Trust Fund for Maintenance and Repair of Government Buildings, motion seconded by Barbara Collier.*

*No Discussion. Motion passed on a voice vote.*

#### **ARTICLE 8. Conservation Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to add to the Conservation Trust Fund. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

*Kevin O'Brien moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to add to the Conservation Trust Fund.*

*No Discussion. Motion passed on a voice vote.*

#### **ARTICLE 9. Expendable Trust Fund for Legal Fees Incurred Representing the Town's Position Regarding the Northern Pass Project**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to be added to the Legal Expendable Trust Fund. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority Vote required.)

*Ned Cutler moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to be added to the Legal Expendable Trust Fund, seconded by Steve Sabre.*

*Ralph Brigida questioned the amount and moved to amend the motion to the amount of \$1,000, seconded by Cliff Chippendale.*



*Denys Draper stated that the amount has been consistently \$2,500 and pointed out that Northern Pass was here now and we should be prepared. John Hynes questioned how much we had in the account and was answered \$5,000. Several pointed out that this amount would not go far in a legal fight. Ralph Brigida questioned whether the Conservation Law organization would take up a legal fight and was answered that they would not in this case. Steve Sabre moved the question, seconded by Trish O'Brien and passed on a voice vote. The motion to amend failed on a voice vote.*

*Denys Draper moved to amend the motion to increase the amount to \$5,000. There was no second.*

*The original motion passed on a voice vote.*

#### **ARTICLE 10. Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$20,000.00 to add to the Easton Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (established in March 1997) for the purchase of a new fire fighting replacement vehicle. (The Selectmen recommend the adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

*Kevin O'Brien moved that the Town raise the sum of \$20,000 to add to the Easton Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (established in March 1997) for the purchase of a new fire fighting replacement vehicle. Seconded by Darrel Gearhart.*

*Ralph Brigida questioned the Article as being for a vehicle where the purpose and title of the referenced reserve fund is equipment not vehicles. Also that the Article was for a replacement vehicle, not an additional one. Selectman Ned Cutler explained that the Article is to replace the old converted oil truck tanker. The Fire Department would keep the old tanker as a water backup. He further explained that since the chassis was procured from the Forest Service, by contractual agreement, it could not be sold by the Town. He went on to point out that a new tanker would cost between \$190,000 and \$200,000 and that it would be prudent to start putting money aside for it now.*

*A motion was made by Ralph Brigida to eliminate the wording "(established in March 1997)", seconded by Cliff Chippendale. Select Secretary Toni Woodruff pointed out that the wording of all the Articles were previously approved by the NH Dept. of Revenue Administration and probably should not be changed.*

*Ed O'Brien spoke in favor of the Article, Denys Draper asked whether a new fund could be created at this meeting – the answer was no because it would not have been "warned" as required by law.*

*Much discussion ensued about Expendable Trusts vs. Capital Reserve Funds. Howard Pritham: "any reason the Town can't decide on its own what's equipment....?"*

*The motion to change the wording was withdrawn by Ralph Brigida and Cliff Chippendale. The original motion passed on a voice vote.*

#### **ARTICLE 11. Forest Fire Reimbursement Expense Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of Forest Fire Reimbursement as assessed by the State of New Hampshire and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be placed in this Fund; furthermore to name the Selectmen as Agents to the Fund. (The Selectmen recommend the adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

*Ned Cutler moved that the Town create an Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of Forest Fire Reimbursement as assessed by the State of New Hampshire and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to be placed in this Fund; furthermore to name the Selectmen as Agents to the Fund. Seconded by Darrel Gearhart. Cliff Chippendale*

*questioned the purpose of the fund considering that the Town already has a Fire Department. Ned Cutler explained that in the event of a serious forest fire in our Town, the State would be part of the response to battle the fire. The State then bills the community for its manpower and equipment costs. The Town is required to pay ½ of those costs. If the forest fire occurs on Federal land, the Federal Government pays all of the costs.*

*The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.*

#### **ARTICLE 12. Establishment of the Cooley-Jericho Community Forest**

To see if the Town will vote to support the establishment of the Cooley-Jericho Community Forest in conjunction with neighboring communities and direct the Board of Selectmen to appoint a representative to such governing body as will be formed for the purpose of holding and managing the Community Forest. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

*Moved by Kevin O'Brien that the Town vote to support the establishment of the Cooley-Jericho Community Forest in conjunction with neighboring communities and direct the Board of Selectmen to appoint a representative to such governing body as will be formed for the purpose of holding and managing the Community Forest. The motion was seconded by Steve Sabre who then spoke to the Article referring to the Town's recently updated Master Plan survey showing that the majority of residents wanted to maintain the Town's rural character. Supporting this Article would do that he said. Roy Stever spoke in favor of the Article describing the parcel of land and noting the other towns involved. Cliff Chippendale questioned who would own the forest and was answered that it would be owned by ACT with representation from the 4 communities involved. Gary Harwood described it as a "once in a lifetime opportunity" to have a positive future impact for the area. Susan Schibanoff reminded the body that just a couple of years ago there was discussion to place windmills on the property and that supporting this Article would protect the ridgeline. Bunny Ford questioned whether the Town would be responsible for the taxes on the property and was answered that the Town would not be the owner and would not be responsible for the taxes. Cliff Chippendale motioned to move the question, seconded by Ralph Brigida. Motion to move passed on a voice vote.*

*The original motion was then passed on a voice vote.*

#### **ARTICLE 13. Community Forest Stewardship Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 from surplus fund to place in a stewardship fund for the Community Forest. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

*Moved by Kevin O'Brien that the Town appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from the surplus fund to place in a stewardship fund for the Community Forest. Seconded by Ellen Pritham.*

*Howard Pritham asked what the purpose of this fund was and was answered that it would go towards an endowment for the Community Forest. Ralph Brigida questioned how much money was now in the fund to purchase the forest and was answered that the \$600,000 purchase price was in hand now. This would go toward the remaining \$50,000 costs to complete the sale – surveys etc, and passing this Article would entitle Easton to a share of future timber proceeds off the land.*

*The question was moved by Steve Sabre, seconded by Trish O'Brien and passed on a voice vote. The original motion was passed on a voice vote.*



#### **ARTICLE 14. Easton Sustainable Energy Policy**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Easton Sustainable Energy Policy. The Policy outlines a voluntary plan for reduced municipal and residential energy usage by 2018 and 2025, through energy conservation measures and the use of alternative energy systems. The policy fulfills requirements specified in the Right to A Sustainable Energy Future and Community Self-Government Ordinance, enacted in March 2012 by unanimous vote, at Town Meeting. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

*Moved by Ned Cutler that the Town adopt the Easton Sustainable Energy Policy. The Policy outlines a voluntary plan for reduced municipal and residential energy usage by 2018 and 2015, through energy conservation measures and the use of alternative energy systems. The policy fulfills requirements specified in the Right to A Sustainable Energy Future and Community Self-Government Ordinance, enacted in March 2012 by unanimous vote, at Town Meeting. Motion seconded by Sue Ford. Roy Stever spoke to the Article explaining that the Ordinance required the Town to establish an energy policy in terms of usage and conservation. Ralph Brigida questioned what alternative energy systems meant. Mr. Stever replied with a few examples solar, geothermal, personal use systems. Steve Sabre added that this was purely on a voluntary basis. Frank Woodruff questioned why the Town should have any involvement in personal energy decisions and was answered that this was put into place with the passing of the ordinance and reiterated that any personal alternative energy use was truly voluntary, not required by the Town. After much other discussion, the motion passed on a voice vote.*

#### **ARTICLE 15. Discontinuance of the Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund with said funds and any accumulated interest to date to be placed in the Town's General Fund. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

*Moved by Kevin O'Brien that the Town discontinue the Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund with said funds and any accumulated interest to date to be placed in the Town's General Fund.*

*Seconded by Denys Draper.*

*Ed O'Brien asked what was left in the fund and was answered that \$1,500 was left from the completed cemetery repairs. Motion was passed on a unanimous voice vote.*

#### **ARTICLE 16: To Act Upon Any Other Business That May Legally Come Before This Meeting**

*Kevin O'Brien, on behalf of the Town and the Board, expressed thanks and gratitude to outgoing Selectman Tom Boucher, for his 6 years of above and beyond dedication and conscientious service to the Town as a Selectman. All present agreed with a very hearty applause for Tom.*

*With no further business, a motion to adjourn was passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Thibault, Easton Town Clerk

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON – REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 2013	Actual 2013	Estimated 2014
Taxes:			
3185 Yield Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 219.00	\$ 0.00
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	31,649.00	31,649.00	31,500.00
3190 Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	7,500.00	4,187.00	4,100.00
Licenses, Permits, & Fees:			
3220 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	50,000.00	60,094.00	55,000.00
3230 Building Permits	500.00	540.00	500.00
3290 Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	50.00	640.00	500.00
3311-3319 From Federal Government	0.00	0.00	0.00
From State:			
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	11,483.00	11,483.00	11,483.00
3353 Highway Block Grant	8,558.00	8,535.00	8,535.00
3359 Other State Grants	3,205.00	3,205.00	0.00
Charges For Services:			
3401-3406 Income from Departments	500.00	2,116.00	500.00
Miscellaneous Revenues:			
3502 Interest on Investments	400.00	396.00	400.00
3503 Other Miscellaneous Revenue	500.00	500.00	0.00
Interfund Operating Transfer In:			
3916 Trust & Fiduciary Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Financing Sources:			
Amount Voted From Fund Balance	5,000.00	5,000.00	15,000.00
Estimated Fund Balance To Reduce Taxes	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Estimated Revenue & Credits	\$144,345.00	\$153,564.00	\$127,518.00



## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON – EXPENDITURES

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATIONS	Estimated 2013	Actual 2013	Budgeted 2014
General Government:			
4130-4139 Executive	\$ 18,150.00	\$ 15,938.00	\$ 17,650.00
4140-4149 Election, Reg., & Vital Statistics	12,650.00	9,069.00	12,700.00
4150-4151 Financial Administration	12,700.00	8,993.00	12,500.00
4152 Revaluation of Property	7,100.00	6,118.00	5,000.00
4153 Legal Expenses	5,000.00	639.00	5,000.00
4155-4159 Personnel Administration	2,000.00	1,951.00	2,000.00
4191-4193 Planning & Zoning	2,500.00	703.00	2,500.00
4194 General Government Buildings	16,200.00	9,818.00	16,200.00
4195 Cemeteries	3,575.00	1,597.00	1,800.00
4196 Insurance	5,100.00	3,476.00	5,100.00
4197 Advertising & Regional Association	1,500.00	1,495.00	1,500.00
4199 Other General Government	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00
Public Safety:			
4210-4214 Police	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
4215-4219 Ambulance	3,770.00	3,413.00	4,719.00
4220-4229 Fire	23,800.00	27,792.00	21,750.00
4240-4249 Building Inspections	300.00	0.00	0.00
4290-4298 Emergency Management	0.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
4299 Other (including communications)	1,500.00	0.00	0.00
Highways and Streets:			
4312 Highways & Streets	45,000.00	40,389.00	45,000.00
Sanitation:			
4321 Administration	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
4323 Solid Waste Collection	100.00	0.00	0.00
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	24,167.00	25,167.00	21,023.00
Health:			
4414 Pest Control	300.00	0.00	300.00
4415-4419 Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	1,325.00	1,321.00	1,761.00
Welfare:			
4445-4449 Vendor Payments & Other	5,290.00	2,540.00	5,790.00
Culture and Recreation:			
4520-4529 Parks & Recreation	9,888.00	8,106.00	10,056.00
4550-4559 Library	250.00	230.00	250.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes	100.00	100.00	100.00
4589 Other Culture & Recreation	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00

Conservation:			
4619 Other Conservation	1,750.00	3,153.00	1,750.00
Debt Service:			
4711 Principal-Long Term Bonds & Notes	6,200.00	5,010.00	6,000.00
4721 Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	<u>2,700.00</u>	<u>2,521.00</u>	<u>2,209.00</u>
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL	\$223,415.00	\$183,039.00	\$214,158.00

**SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES**

4915 To Capital Reserve Fund #8,9	\$20,500.00	\$20,500.00	\$20,500.00
4916 To Exp. Trust Fund #4,5,6,7,10,11	<u>23,000.00</u>	<u>23,000.00</u>	<u>39,000.00</u>
Special Articles Recommended	\$43,500.00	\$43,500.00	\$59,500.00

**INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES**

4612 Purchase of Natural Resources	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Individual Articles Recommended	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$223,415.00	\$214,158.00
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	43,500.00	59,500.00
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Appropriations Recommended	\$271,915.00	\$273,658.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	<u>(144,345.00)</u>	<u>(127,518.00)</u>
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$127,570.00	\$146,140.00



# PROFIT & LOSS

## January through December 2013

### Ordinary Income/Expense

#### Income

3110-1	Property Tax Revenue	\$ 706,262.11
3185-0	Timber Taxes	219.33
3186-0	Payments in Lieu of Taxes	31,649.00
3190-0	Penalties & Interest	4,186.95
3220-0	Motor Vehicle Permits & Titles	60,093.63
3230-0	Building Permits	540.00
3290-0	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	640.00
3352-0	Rooms & Meals Tax	11,483.12
3353-0	Highway Block Grant	8,534.71
3359	Grant Money Received	3,205.50
3401-0	Income from All Departments	2,115.99
3502-0	Bank Interest	396.01
3509-0	Miscellaneous Income	<u>500.00</u>

Total Income	\$829,826.35
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#### Expense

4130-0	Executive	
4130100	Salaries - Selectmen, Moderator	9,175.00
4130150	Secretary Pay	2,442.00
4130200	Fees-NHMA Lectures	431.25
4130300	Outside Services - Tax Maps	900.00
4130600	Office Expenses	<u>2,989.58</u>

Total 4130-0 Executive	15,937.83
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#### 4140-0 Election Registration, Town Clerk & Vital Statistics

4140100	Salary - Town Clerk	6,000.00
4140150	Deputy Town Clerk	1,000.00
4140200	Fees - Town Clerk	288.00
4140500	Election & Voter Registration	554.38
4140600	Office & Miscellaneous	<u>1,226.83</u>

Total 4140-0 Election Registration, Town Clerk & Vital Statistics	9,069.21
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#### 4150 Financial Administration

4150100	Salaries - Tax Collector, Treasurer, Auditor	4,500.00
4150125	Financial Services	700.00
4150200	Fees & Miscellaneous	1,927.38
4150600	Office Expenses & Bank Charges	<u>1,865.16</u>

Total 4150 Financial Administration	8,992.54
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4152-0	Revaluation of Individual Property		
4152100	Revaluation	3,780.00	
4152200	Reval Software	<u>2,338.75</u>	
Total 4152-0	Revaluation of Individual Property		6,118.75
4153-0	Legal Expenses		638.53
4155-22	Personnel Administration & Payroll Taxes		1,950.92
4191-00	Planning & Zoning		702.82
4194-0	Government Buildings		
4194400	Utilities	5,882.02	
4194800	Repairs, Maintenance & Supplies	3,006.31	
4194900	Mowing, Gardening & Wreaths	<u>929.96</u>	
Total 4194-0	Government Buildings		9,818.29
4195-0	Cemetery		
4195600	Miscellaneous, Office Expense, Mem. Day	110.61	
4195900	Mowing & Maintenance	<u>1,486.00</u>	
Total 4195-0	Cemetery		1,596.61
4196-0	Insurance		
4196100	Property Liability-NHMA		3,476.59
4197-0	Advertising & Regional Association		1,494.68
4199-0	General Government-Contingency		0.00
4215-0	Ambulances		3,413.33
4220-0	Fire Department		
4220100	Salary - Fire Chief	750.00	
4220110	Firefighters Call Pay	1,917.94	
4220200	Training, Dues, Other	2,705.42	
4220400	Utilities	5,049.29	
4220600	Office & Miscellaneous	487.98	
4220630	Truck Inspection, Maintenance & Repair	8,071.57	
4220700	Equipment & Small Tools	8,361.59	
4220800	Building Maintenance & Supply	<u>447.71</u>	
Total 4220-0	Fire Department		27,791.50
4299-0	Emergency Management - Communication		1,500.00
4312000	Highway Maintenance		
4312100	Highway Maintenance General	<u>40,389.09</u>	
Total 4312000	Highway Maintenance		40,389.09



4324-0	Solid Waste		
4324100	Administration	1,000.00	
4324200	Disposal	<u>25,167.00</u>	
Total 4324-0	Solid Waste		26,167.00
4415	Health Agencies & Hospitals		1,321.14
4449	Other Welfare		
4449100	Other Welfare & Donations	<u>2,540.00</u>	
Total 4449	Other Welfare		2,540.00
4520	Parks and Recreation		
4520100	Administrative Fees	1,000.00	
4520200	Tri-Town Recreation Program	<u>7,105.93</u>	
Total 4520	Parks and Recreation		8,105.93
4550	Library		230.33
4583	Patriotic Purposes		100.00
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		
4589900	Boys & Girls Club	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Total 4589	Other Culture and Recreation		1,000.00
4611	Forest Stewardship Fund		5,000.00
4619	Other Conservation		3,153.08
4711	Construction Bond - Principal		5,010.37
4721	Construction Bond - Interest		2,520.71
4915	Transfer to Capital Reserve		20,500.00
4916	Transfer to Trust-Agency Funds		23,000.00
4931	County Taxes		109,807.00
4933100	Lafayette Regional School District		88,273.00
4933200	Profile School District		<u>375,601.00</u>
Total Expense			<u>805,220.25</u>
Net Ordinary Income			<u>24,606.10</u>
Net Income			<u>\$ 24,606.10</u>

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**December 31, 2013**

**ASSETS**

Current Assets	
Cash in Banks	\$312,464.73
Petty Cash	100.00
Property Taxes Due	52,130.29
Property Tax Liens	26,438.25
Prepaid Expenses	<u>6,779.08</u>
Total Current Assets	397,912.35
Other Assets	
Tax Deeded Property	<u>1,442.97</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$399,355.32</u>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

Current Liabilities	
Due to School Districts	\$164,378.00
Accounts Payable	<u>24,181.49</u>
Total Current Liabilities	188,559.49
Fund Equity	
Reserve for Conservation Commission	709.85
Reserve for Tax Deeded Property	<u>1,442.97</u>
Total Restricted Funds	2,152.82
Fund Surplus (Unrestricted)	<u>208,643.01</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>\$210,795.83</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>\$399,355.32</u>



**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**for the Year Ending December 31, 2013**

Bank Balance- January 1, 2013		\$ 280,684.98
Receipts:		
Tax Collector	\$705,721.09	
Town Clerk - Motor Vehicles, Fees, etc.	60,925.63	
From Federal & State Government	54,872.33	
From Capital Reserve Fund	0.00	
Bank Interest	396.01	
Other Sources	2,963.99	
		<u>824,879.05</u>
Total 2013 Receipts		<u>824,879.05</u>
Total Available Receipts		\$1,105,564.03
Disbursements:		
Grafton County - County Taxes	\$109,807.00	
School Districts	463,874.00	
Selectmen Ordered Paid	219,418.30	
		<u>\$793,099.30</u>
Total Disbursements		<u>\$793,099.30</u>
Bank Balance as of December 31, 2013		\$312,464.73

# STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

## 2013 TAX RATE CALCULATION

### Town Portion

Gross Appropriations	\$271,915.00
Less: Revenues	(144,345.00)
Less: Shared Revenue	0.00
Add: Overlay	2,573.00
Add: War Service Credits	<u>2,950.00</u>

**Net Town Appropriation** **133,093.00**

### School Portion

Net Local School Budget	0.00
Regional School Apportionment	463,874.00
State Education Taxes	<u>(160,296.00)</u>

**Approved School(s) Tax Effort** **303,578.00**

### State Education Taxes

Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x \$2.44	
\$65,829,966.00	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation	
(no utilities) \$65,977,801.00	<b>160,296.00</b>

### County Portion

Due to County	109,807.00
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>(0.00)</u>

**Approved County Tax Effort** **109,807.00**

Total Property Taxes Assessed	706,774.00
Less: War Service Credits	(2,950.00)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	<u>0.00</u>

**Total Property Tax Commitment** **\$703,824.00**

2012 Tax Rate			2013 Tax Rate		
		%			%
Town	\$ 1.54	14	Town	\$ 1.99	18
County	1.61	15	County	1.65	16
School	5.24	49	School	4.55	43
State	2.36	22	State	2.43	23
	<u>\$10.75/1000</u>	100%		<u>\$10.62/1000</u>	100%



**2013 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION**

Land	\$28,294,301.00
Buildings	<u>37,703,500.00</u>
Net Valuation Upon Which Tax Rate Is Computed	\$65,997,801.00
Electric Utilities	<u>743,600.00</u>
Total Valuation	<b>\$66,741,401.00</b>
Change in Net Valuation over 2012 (\$66,580,128.00)	\$ 161,273.00

## **TAX COLLECTOR**

Completing my second year as Tax Collector for the Town of Easton, I continue to learn and apply the knowledge I have gained in the hopes of better serving the public.

The Tax Collector's office is continuing with an initiative we began last year. An Internet Kiosk is available where you can go to look up taxes and tax cards. This will greatly facilitate getting information, quickly, to those who express a need. The website is [www.nhtaxkiosk.com](http://www.nhtaxkiosk.com).

As always, you can call the office Thursdays between 1:00 and 6:00 P.M. or email me at [eastontaxcollector@aaahawk.com](mailto:eastontaxcollector@aaahawk.com).

Lisa Cutler  
Easton Tax Collector



**TOWN OF EASTON  
TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
MARCH 11, 2014**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 11, 2014. Polls are open from 11:00AM to 7:00PM for voting on Article 1. The Town's annual business meeting will follow at 7:30PM.

To Act upon the following subjects:

**ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year, on the Official Ballot, and to bring in your votes for Executive Councilor. (Ballot Vote)**

**ARTICLE 2. Formation of Easton River Committee to Nominate the Ham Branch, under the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program.**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to name a representative(s) to the River Committee and to support the River Committee in preparing and submitting a nomination of the Ham Branch and Ham Branch Watershed to the Department of Environmental Services under the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program. The program is consistent with the values expressed in Easton's 2010 Master Plan and is intended to provide the Town and its residents with information and education to protect the watershed.

**ARTICLE 3. Town Operating Budget**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$214,158.00** for general Town operations as follows:

Executive	\$17,650.00
Election Registration, Town Clerk, Vital Stats	12,700.00
Financial Administration	12,500.00
Revaluation of Individual Properties	5,000.00
Legal Expenses	5,000.00
Personnel Administration & Payroll Taxes	2,000.00
Planning & Zoning	2,500.00
Government Buildings	16,200.00
Cemetery	1,800.00
Insurance	5,100.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	1,500.00
General Government - Contingency	7,500.00
Police Department	0.00
Ambulances	4,719.00
Fire Department	21,750.00
Building Inspections	0.00
Emergency Management - Forest Fires	500.00
Emergency Management - Communication	1,500.00
Highway Maintenance	45,000.00
Solid Waste	22,023.00
Animal & Pest Control	300.00

Health Agencies & Hospitals	1,761.00
Welfare Assistance	3,000.00
Other Welfare	2,790.00
Tri-Town Recreation Programs	10,056.00
Library	250.00
Patriotic Purposes	100.00
Boys and Girls Club of the North Country	1,000.00
Conservation Commission	1,750.00
Construction Bond - Principal	6,000.00
Construction Bond - Interest	2,209.00
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Total Operating Budget	\$214,158.00

#### **ARTICLE 4. Town Roads Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500.00 to add to the Town Roads Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

#### **ARTICLE 5. Expendable Trust Fund for the Maintenance and Repair of Government Buildings**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to add to the Expendable Trust Fund for the Maintenance and Repair of Government Buildings; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

#### **ARTICLE 6. Town Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to create a Town Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of funding capital improvements to the Town Cemetery. Further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to add to such fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation; and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

#### **ARTICLE 7. Expendable Trust Fund for Legal Fees Incurred Representing the Town's Position Regarding the Northern Pass Project**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 to add to the Expendable Trust Fund for Legal Fees Incurred Representing the Town's Position Regarding the Northern Pass Project; of this amount \$2,500 is to be raised from general taxation with the remaining balance of \$5,000 to come from the December 31, 2013 Fund Balance. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

#### **ARTICLE 8. Conservation Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to add to the Conservation Fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

#### **ARTICLE 9. Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to add to the Easton Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (established in March 1997) for the acquisition and replacement of fire equipment; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

#### **ARTICLE 10. Fire Department Major Equipment Replacement and Repair Expendable Trust Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to create a Fire Department Major Equipment Replacement and Repair Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of covering major or unforeseen Fire Department equipment replacement and repair costs, excluding vehicle replacements. Further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to add to such fund; of this amount \$5,000.00 is to be raised from general taxation with the remaining balance of \$5,000.00 to come from the December 31, 2013 Fund Balance; and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

#### **ARTICLE 11. Forest Fire Reimbursement Expendable Trust Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to add to the Forest Fire Reimbursement Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

Selectmen of Easton  
Edward Cutler, Chairman  
Tom Boucher  
Zhenye (Zak) Mei



## **“The White Wonderland”**

In The North Country, winter arrives quickly  
With mounds of white fluffy snow as far as the eye can see.

Laughter from the ski slopes,  
As snow catches on trees and makes them glisten and shine.

The smell of burning wood, the scent of evergreens  
And Christmas decorations everywhere you turn.

Then, it melts!

The snow melts to reveal green grass,  
The ski mountains change into muddy hiking trails.  
Icy crystals melt to make way for bright green leaves soon to come  
The crisp smell of winter is overcome with the scent of rain:  
And the winter decorations are replaced by the muted hues of spring

But, the industrious squirrel starts to bury his nuts,  
For he knows that winter will come in the blink of an eye;  
Only three short seasons left until the white wonderland returns.

By: Mary Feranda (Age 12)  
A Frequent Visitor to Easton

# TAX COLLECTOR – SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

## Levies of 2013 and Prior

	DEBITS		
	2013	Levies of:	
		2012	2010 Prior
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year:			
Property Taxes #3110 \$		\$67,023.15	\$441.00
Prior Years' Credits Balance	(595.91)		
This Year's New Credits	(1,463.00)		
Taxes Committed This Year:			
Property Taxes #3110	703,828.00		
Timber Yield Taxes #3185	219.33		
Overpayment Refunds:			
Interest - Late Tax #3190	<u>432.20</u>	<u>3,232.59</u>	<u>          </u>
Total Debits	\$702,420.62	\$70,255.74	\$441.00
	CREDITS		
Remitted To Treasurer:			
Property Taxes	\$650,675.71	\$45,789.93	\$
Timber Yield Taxes	219.33		
Interest & Penalties	432.20	3,232.59	
Converted to Liens (Principal only)		21,187.95	
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned	(595.91)		
Abatements Made:			
Property Taxes		45.27	
Uncollected Taxes-End Of Year: #1080			
Property Taxes	53,152.29		441.00
Property Tax Credit Balance*	<u>(1,463.00)</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total Credits	\$702,420.62	\$70,255.74	\$441.00

\*This is the amount of taxes pre-paid for next year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a

## SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

### DEBITS

	2013	2012	2011	2010+
Unredeemed Liens				
Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$0.00	\$ 0.00	\$8,584.77	\$676.61
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	0.00	23,310.64	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs Collected	<u>0.00</u>	<u>483.68</u>	<u>9.48</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Lien Debits	\$0.00	\$23,794.32	\$8,594.25	\$676.61

### CREDITS

Remitted To Treasurer:

Redemptions	\$0.00	\$ 6,081.81	\$ 51.96	\$ 0.00
Interest & Costs Collected #3190	0.00	483.68	9.48	0.00
Unredeemed Liens End of FY #1110	<u>0.00</u>	<u>17,228.83</u>	<u>8,532.81</u>	<u>676.61</u>
Total Lien Credits	\$0.00	\$23,794.32	\$8,594.25	\$676.61



**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 2013**

Motor Vehicle Registrations & Titles	\$60,093.63
Dog Registrations	480.00
Penalties	29.00
Copies	60.00
Marriage License & Certified Copies	90.00
Miscellaneous	<u>173.00</u>
Transferred to Town	\$60,925.63

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 2013**

<b>Date &amp; Place Of Birth</b>	<b>Name Of Child</b>	<b>Name Of Father &amp; Mother's Name</b>
November 19, 2013 Littleton, NH	Sylvie Coe Brown	Samuel Brown Jennifer Johnson

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 2013**

<b>Date &amp; Place Of Marriage</b>	<b>Name and Surname Of Groom &amp; Bride</b>	<b>Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage</b>
November 2, 2013	Michael C. Stephenson	Easton, NH
Easton, NH	Natalie P. Stever	Easton, NH

**DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 2013**

<b>Date &amp; Place Of Death</b>	<b>Name &amp; Surname Of Deceased</b>
January 5, 2013 Littleton, NH	Joseph Darvid

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Thibault, Town Clerk

## **SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY**

**December 31, 2013**

Assessed Values:	
Land - Town Hall and Fire Station	\$ 90,500.00
Land - Deeded	15,200.00
Land - Cemetery	92,300.00
Building - Town Hall	196,900.00
Building - Fire Station	51,500.00
Estimated Values:	
Furniture and Equipment - Town Hall	18,900.00
Furniture and Equipment - Fire Station	163,285.00
Furniture and Equipment - Library	2,200.00
Furniture and Equipment - Police	<u>800.00</u>
Total Town Property	\$631,585.00

## **SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT**

**December 31, 2013**

	Principal	Interest	Total
Balance December 31, 2001	\$120,000.00	\$58,425.00	\$178,425.00
Payments through 2012	66,506.40	44,879.13	111,385.53
Payments made in 2013	<u>5,010.37</u>	<u>2,520.71</u>	<u>7,531.08</u>
Balance Remaining 12/31/13	\$ 48,483.23	\$11,025.16	\$ 59,508.39

Note: Loan from the USDA Rural Development for the Town Hall addition dated December 14, 2001. 30 year loan with payout over 20 years at 4.75% interest.

**TOWN OF EASTON REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS**  
**December 31, 2013**

Funds	Type of Fund	Beginning Balance	Additions		Withdrawals	Ending Balance
			Principal	Interest		
Cemetery Maintenance	T/F	\$ 12,987.55	\$ 0.00	\$ 50.52	\$ 0.00	\$ 13,038.07
Fire Dept. Equipment	CRF	356.75	20,000.00	13.94	0.00	20,370.69
Library Memorial	T/F	230.88	0.00	.08	117.39	113.57
Conservation	CRF	1,000.00	500.00	1.85	0.00	1,501.85
Town Building Repairs	Exp/TF	42,014.87	10,000.00	133.73	10,000.00	42,148.60
Road Maintenance	Exp/TF	62,771.20	9,500.00	218.13	0.00	72,489.33
Forest Fire	Exp/TF	0.00	1,000.00	.66	0.00	1,000.66
Northern Pass Legal	Exp/TF	5,036.55	2,500.00	27.94	0.00	7,564.49
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$124,397.80</b>	<b>\$43,500.00</b>	<b>\$446.85</b>	<b>\$10,117.39</b>	<b>\$158,227.26</b>

T/F = Normal type fund. Trustees share discretion over spending.  
CRF = Capital Reserve Funds. Needs Town vote to spend.  
Exp/TF = Board of Selectmen have discretion over spending.



## PLANNING BOARD

This past summer, the Town of Easton celebrated the successful establishment of the Cooley-Jericho Community Forest. Probably little known to many residents, the idea of a community forest began through an informal consultation with a developer who came to a Planning Board meeting to discuss the possible construction of a wind farm on his property in Easton. An important part of this initial get together was to check on regulations that might govern any future on his part.

The Planning Board discussed the Town's Master Plan with him. This document, established and voted upon by the residents of Easton, provided the land owner with a concrete plan as to the future direction and development of the Town. After discussions with the Select Board, Zoning Board, and Conservation Commission, along with similar organizations in neighboring Towns, it was clear that a wind farm did not fit the Town's vision for the future.

You are the citizens who provided input through questionnaires, and public hearings. And, in the voting booth, set forth the path for development that Easton now follows. This is democracy in action! Thank you from all of us who needed your guidance in order to speak to this issue, and others that have come before us, in an informed manner.

The Planning Board encourages anyone with questions regarding property ownership to attend one of our monthly meetings; 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Easton Town Hall. You can discuss, with us, your objectives, and hopefully we can aid you in achieving them keeping the regulations of the Town in mind. There is no charge or prior notification necessary for an informal consultation where ideas are discussed and suggestions offered.

Our last action of the year was to regretfully accept the resignation of long time Planning Board Member and former Chairperson, Kathy Ouellette. Kathy and her husband are moving from Easton in the near future. We thank Kathy for her service to the Town and to this Board. We will miss her expertise and professionalism and wish her good luck with all future endeavors.

Respectfully,  
The Easton Planning Board

James Collier – Chairman  
Gary Harwood

Phil Reeder  
Zak Mei (Select Board Representative)

## EASTON LIBRARY REPORT

This year, book donations were both generous and manageable; 92 volumes in total. Expenditures were \$230.33 for 13 books and 4 subscriptions: Nutrition Action Health Letter, Birds and Blooms, Popular Mechanics, and The Littleton Courier. Thirty-eight patrons borrowed 103 books and periodicals, mostly fiction, nature, and biography. There were several requests for mysteries, health reference, and cookbooks as well. We had 11 non-borrowing visitors.

Special thanks to Barbara and Jim Collier for Consumer Reports, Toni and Frank Woodruff for the Wall Street Journal, Dr. Campbell McLaren for Physician's Desk Reference, and Ned Cutler for restoring and painting the Library's second rocking chair. Wall mirrors are from Laura Treuman. We have pledges of carpets, houseplants, and a very nice clock. These items will arrive in the spring.

The Library staff was honored with a visit from the late Councilor, Ray Burton. He represented the New Hampshire State Library with a letter of appreciation to celebrate National Library Week.

Due to unexpected family health problems and commitments, the Library is temporarily closed on Thursdays. However, please call Library Trustee, Bunny Ford, at 823-5357 to arrange an alternate day to access Library services.

Thank you for your continuous support!

Respectfully submitted,  
Easton Public Library Board of Trustees  
Bunny Ford  
Laura Treuman  
Laura Sabre

## EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In 2013, the Conservation Commission laid the foundation for important long-term conservation initiatives, including strong opposition to Northern Pass, an ongoing commitment to energy use reduction, education and land preservation. While significant progress has been made, much work remains in 2014 and beyond. We appreciate the strong support of residents to maintain the natural character of Easton and will continue to propose measures to deliver on the values expressed in the Town's 2010 Master Plan.

2013 will be remembered as the year that Easton, and the neighboring communities of Sugar Hill, Landaff and Franconia, took the visionary step of preserving the Cooley-Jericho Community Forest. Under the leadership of the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust, members of the Commission as well as many town residents worked very hard to make this dream a reality. In 2014, the Commission intends to continue its focus on assisting residents in setting aside additional acreage in conservation easements.

The Commission took an active position with the Department of Energy and US Forest Service in opposition to Northern Pass. We submitted scoping comments, met with White Mountain National Forest Supervisor Tom Wagner, and filed as an intervener in the environmental impact statement process. We challenged the project's partners, Northeast Utilities and Public Service of New Hampshire, to engage with the Commission in a meaningful way, a request that was accepted, then refused, on multiple occasions. Our core research on the issue, published in **WMNF, The Town of Easton and Northern Pass**, has been widely distributed to federal and state elected officials and partners such as Society for Protection of NH Forests, Appalachian Mountain Club, Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust, Conservation Law Foundation and Responsible Energy Action LLC. This document, which supports burial of both the Northern Pass line and the existing PSNH line along the I93 corridor, is available for viewing at the Town Hall on the Conservation Commission bulletin board.

In 2014, the Commission will become involved in further efforts to stop Northern Pass, including possible engagement in the New Hampshire's Site Evaluation Committee process and in response to the draft federal environmental impact statement.

Following up on the 2012 Rights Based Ordinance, the Commission has now collected data on town energy use, as well as valuable input from residents on energy conservation needs. We received an excellent response to our grant-funded mail survey. In 2014, we will publish the results in a letter that sets a 2012 benchmark for future improvement, with helpful information on lowering energy use, and bills. We completed Phase I energy conservation improvements by better insulating the office section at the Town Hall, and will continue, in 2014, to look for opportunities to reduce energy consumption.

Finally, the Commission has started an application to include the Ham Branch and its tributaries in to the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program. This program, administered by the NH Department of Environmental Services, will provide information, education and outreach to help us protect this largely unspoiled watershed.



We continue to have a full list of active projects, and would appreciate help from any and all Easton residents! Please feel free to contact us.

Roy Stever, Chairman  
Kris Pastoriza, Vice-Chair  
Edward Cutler, Member  
Anita Craven, Member  
Steve Sabre, Member

Deb Stever, Member  
Maria Hynes, Member  
Mike Platt, Alternate  
Toni Woodruff, Secretary

## **EASTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### **Annual Report for Year 2013**

2013 was a good year for the Easton Volunteer Fire Department and for the Residents of the Town. The Volunteer Fire Department has shown its effectiveness and value to the Town of Easton and to the surrounding Towns that Easton Volunteer Fire Department provides mutual aid to.

The Easton Volunteer Fire Department responded to 18 calls in 2013 and these calls are broken down as follows:

Fire False Alarm Activations (12) - Structure Fires (1) - Motor Vehicle Accidents (3)  
Chimney/Stove Fires (1) - Trees on Wires (1)

Mutual Aid Given: Franconia (2) North Woodstock (1) Bethlehem (1)

Once again, the Easton Volunteer Firefighters performed a drill schedule within the Town of Easton. Drills are aimed at better preparedness and greater understanding for each Firefighter as to how to approach specific areas of Fire Service that they are likely to encounter. As usual, the drills were effective. We were successful in adding several new Firefighters to our roster this year. We can always use more if you are interested, come to a meeting held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Fire Station at 7 pm.

We are currently exploring the need for dress uniforms. As our Department is required to attend official functions, we are looking forward to buying these new uniforms ASAP.

In closing, we, the Volunteers and Firefighters of the Easton Volunteer Fire Department, want to say a warm "THANK YOU" to all the folks who support us in our endeavor to serve our community with pride each and every year.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Easton Volunteer Firefighters  
Charles Casey, Chief

## EASTON FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET-2014

January 1, 2014

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b><u>Category</u></b> <b>4220</b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>
Fire Chief's Salary	100	\$ 750.00
Fire Fighters Call Pay	110	3,200.00
Training, Dues, Other	200	1,000.00
Utilities	400	5,000.00
Office & Miscellaneous	600	300.00
Truck Inspection, Maintenance & Repair	630	4,500.00
Truck Fuel	636	1,000.00
Equipment & Small Tools	700	4,500.00
(Includes Pager Grand \$3,600)		
Building Maintenance & Supplies	800	<u>1,500.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$21,750.00</b>
<b>Emergency Management/Forest Fire</b>	<b>4290</b>	
Labor	500	\$ 500.00
Equipment	300	<u>0.00</u>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$22,250.00</b>



## CALEX AMBULANCE SERVICE

Well it has certainly been an exciting and busy year for us here at CALEX.

On March 1, 2013 CALEX began a new adventure across the river into New Hampshire serving the Towns of Littleton, Easton, and Sugar Hill, operating out of the Littleton Fire Station on Main Street. Since March 1<sup>st</sup> CALEX has responded to 961 calls throughout these New Hampshire communities. In addition to 911 responses, the Agency is also the first called to provide emergency and non-emergency transports for Littleton Regional Hospital, transferring patients to various hospitals and facilities throughout New Hampshire and beyond based upon the specialty care needs of the patient or at the request of the patient. Our staff has integrated extremely well with the Littleton Fire Department as well as the additional public safety agencies and departments throughout Littleton, Easton, Sugar Hill and the adjoining communities to provide highly trained EMS professionals, staffing 24/7/365 at the Paramedic level. In addition the Agency provides the availability of a second ambulance also housed at the Littleton Fire Department for back-up station coverage and transfers between facilities.

On September 19, 2013 CALEX widened its Vermont coverage area at the request of the Management and Board of Directors of Danville Rescue Squad, Inc. Under contract the Agency provides its dedicated and professional emergency response staff to the citizens of the Towns of Danville, Peacham, and Walden, operating as DBA Danville Rescue. CALEX was enhanced as a number of the existing Danville Rescue members were added to its roster. Currently crews are staged at the Danville Rescue Squad, Inc. station located at 379 Brainerd Street, from 0700-1900hrs and are responding from our St. Johnsbury based station during the night time hours. When poor weather threatens or exists, the Danville station is staffed at night as well.

CALEX Management, the Board of Directors, and the dedicated staff, continually strive to provide the best possible emergency medical care with the highest quality of professionals while at the same time maintaining strict financial controls. We utilize crew resource management by moving ambulances and staff across the region to provide coverage during peak demands on the system while at the same time keeping expenses as low as possible without risking patient care. This type of resource management represents the benefits of regionalization which will one day be the norm in pre-hospital emergency services. Sharing the capital costs, the operating expenses, and the benefits from excellence in emergency medical services across the region is the very basis that Caledonia Essex Area Ambulance Service, Inc. a multi-county agency, was first formed to realize. As communities grow, populations increase, services are in higher demand, so too must the size of the region included in sharing expenses, assets, and income.

As is the case with nearly all of the ambulance services in Vermont and New Hampshire and most of those throughout the country as well, often the greatest challenges of operations are financial in nature. In response to these challenges and whenever possible, in advance of these challenges, all involved with the Agency work together to explore ways to control expenses without sacrificing the quality CALEX has always and will always demand for its services. With the new healthcare changes now upon us and those still to come, the Management of CALEX holds real hope that greater financial flexibility

will result allowing the Agency to move forward as it strives to continuously improve upon its services and prepare for increasing demands for services.

CALEX St. Johnsbury continues to serve as the area's American Heart Association CPR and First Aid Public Training Center. Classes are offered monthly to the public, they can also be arranged to be held privately, and are also held for large and small businesses throughout the Kingdom. Of course, having seen first-hand the positive difference immediate CPR and First Aid can make to patient outcomes, we urge everyone, from teens to seniors to take part in these classes. Imagine the joy in knowing you made the difference in saving a life, easing fears, and/or discomfort. Those who have been able to make the difference in even the life of a stranger will tell you how wonderful the experience truly is.

CALEX continues to provide Paramedic Intercept services to the surrounding areas beyond its primary service areas as well as Critical Care Paramedic Transport services to the most critically ill patients in our region. In 2013, we have realized amazing patient outcomes due in part, to the quality skills our crews have provided to our citizens and even those just passing through the area. Their dedication to training and to performing at the peak of their certification levels are exemplified by these outcomes. CALEX has received accolades from highly regarded Physicians in both Vermont and New Hampshire for the skills and knowledge that have been demonstrated by its crew members in 2013.

As we end 2013, having grown in less than a year as the primary ambulance service of 6 communities to now the primary service to 12 communities across Vermont and New Hampshire, with nearly 50 dedicated healthcare professionals on staff, we look forward to and are truly honored to continue to provide the best possible care to each person we serve throughout 2014 and beyond. Our crews, some who have served this Agency for as many as 20 years, continue to study and learn to reach greater certification levels and/or to reach excellence at their current certification levels. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful team and we believe those served by Caledonia Essex Area Ambulance Service, Inc. are indeed the true benefactors of their dedication.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our staff, their families, and the CALEX Board of Directors for their continued support and dedication to the Agency's mission.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael J. Wright, NREMT-P  
Chief Executive Officer

## FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD

The Franconia Life Squad currently has four (4) members who are certified to provide Advanced Life Support, three (3) of which are nationally registered paramedics. The Franconia Life Squad at year's end has twelve (12) active members. A membership well prepared to assist our citizens and visitors to our area with quality emergency medical care.

All members are Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technicians. They are continually training and improving their skills. Each member must have a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education each year plus every two years must take an additional 24 hours of classroom refresher, where members must demonstrate their proficiency to State examiners.

Many of the members have other specialized training including ice rescue, swift water rescue, high angle rescue and motor vehicle extrication certifications. All of our members are certified in advance CPR and in the use of the heart monitor and defibrillator. Most importantly, all of our members are dedicated to providing compassionate emergency medical care from the scene to the hospital.

The Life Squad continues to seek its' membership by recruiting from the Towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton, the same communities it provides service to. All volunteers are welcome to join. Each member is dedicated to providing the highest quality emergency care to the communities we serve.

The current list of active members of the Franconia Life Squad are:

Chief Paul Schmucker – EMT

Steve Czarnecki – EMT-P	Capt. Pam Oakman – AEMT	William Mead – EMT-P
Ned Wilson – EMT-B	Bill Blackwell – AEMT	Linda Mordhorst – EMT-B
Asst. Chief – Mark Taylor EMT	Allan Clark – EMT	Gareth Slattery – EMT-B
John Ireland – EMT	Zach Mangione – EMT-B	Susan Simpson – EMT-B

The Franconia Life Squad responded to 263 calls for assistance during 2013, of those 144 required transport.

In 2013, the total operating expenses for the Franconia Life Squad were \$56,790. Income obtained from patient billing and subsidies from Sugar Hill totaled \$57,848. There was no subsidy recovered from Easton, although we did respond in Easton over six (6) times. The net cost for the operation of the Franconia Life Squad to the Town of Franconia being no cost and a surplus of \$1,058.

Your Life Squad is currently operating at the Advanced Life Support – paramedic level.

Again, I sincerely thank the townspeople for their continued support and the privilege of serving them. I especially thank the men and women of the Franconia Life Squad for their countless hours of dedication and sacrifice, serving others in their community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Schmucker – Chief  
Franconia Life Squad

## TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

2013 pretty much mirrored 2012. Market prices for recycled products remained the same with very little variance. Although we had a slight increase in hauling and tipping costs, this was offset by an increase in recycled goods, and a decrease in landfill tonnage. All in all, a good year. Thank you!

- Cardboard – 73.7 tons
- Mixed paper – 84.4 tons
- Aluminum – 3.2 tons
- Tin – 6.6 tons
- Plastics – 22.6 tons
- Scrap Metal – 24.1 tons
- Glass – 111.9 tons
- Textiles – 4.2 tons
- Electronics – 7.50 tons
- Propane Tanks – 1.2 tons
- Tires – 5.8 tons

Respectfully submitted,  
Your Transfer Station Crew,  
Greg Wells, Manager  
Kevin Dauphine  
Nate Hartford  
Corey Rush



## LAFAYETTE RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Lafayette Recreation Department has had another great year. A huge THANK YOU goes out to all who made this happen.

The Old Home Day, Franconia Scramble, Top Notch Triathlon, Fox Hill 5K Trail Run, Halloween Cup Soccer Tournament, Wobble & Gobble pi(e) Fun Run and the Summer Concerts were all very successful, bringing people and revenue to our towns. We hope to improve upon all of the above and add new events when possible.

A new shed was erected this spring on the Dow with proceeds from last year's events and has been a great addition to the park and provides much needed storage for sports equipment. This year we purchased a 2011 passenger van. We are very excited for all the opportunities of adventure that await us!

The ice skating has been very good and the rink is getting lots of use; Family Skate Night, birthday parties, after school activities, Lafayette Elementary School Winter Program, tourists, second home owners and local residents have all come out to play.

There are abundant trails in the three towns and we are in a continuous process of inventorying, maintaining, mapping and making signs with trail information. An updated map was published last spring and is available at local stores. Anyone interested in adopting a trail should email [recreation@franconianh.org](mailto:recreation@franconianh.org)

Youth soccer, baseball, softball and basketball had excellent attendance and successes along the way. Thank you very much to all the coaches who give so much of their time to these programs and our kids.

Kris Kappler has done another outstanding job of organizing all the youth teams, and the summer program. Without her dedication and organizational skills our heads would spin. A good leader brings out the best in the staff and our team of recreation counselors proves just that.

The Lafayette Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of every month the location to be announced. Check the Recreation Department website. [www.lafayetterecreation.weebly.com](http://www.lafayetterecreation.weebly.com) for all kinds of fun and information.

Watch for next summer's schedule and participate in the "SNAP SHOT CHALLENGE." You'll find the pictures at [www.franconianh.org](http://www.franconianh.org).

Respectfully submitted,

Lafayette Committee Members

**Franconia:** Jeff Malcolm, Beth Horan & Adam Boyer

**Sugar Hill:** Haley Ireland & Launa Glover

**Easton:** Sue Ford & Matt Koehler

**Lafayette Regional School:** Gordie Johnk

Kris Kappler, Youth Program Director

Kim Cowles, Park & Recreation Director

## **NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE AGENCY**

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency provides quality home health care that includes nursing, rehabilitation, hospice, social services, homemakers, and companion and respite care programs in 21 Towns in Grafton and Coos Counties. We are committed to our community in that we provide many community health clinics and screenings such as free blood pressure, blood sugar, and health education programs as well as immunization, foot care and wound care clinics. Our agency has expanded our community clinics which individuals from Easton have attended. North Country Home Health & Hospice also provides tele-health monitoring to our clients at no cost. These monitors are placed in the client's home to collect data such as blood pressure and other vital signs which are transmitted via the client's telephone line to our office. This allows for daily monitoring of our client's for improved outcomes.

Our Hospice program provides a comprehensive and holistic approach to end of life care that includes a skilled, multidisciplinary team of caregivers and volunteers. Hospice includes medications for symptom relief, medical supplies and equipment, short term hospitalization and in-patient respite care, counseling and pastoral support. Hospice volunteers provide valuable support to those living with a life-limiting illness. Our Compassionate Care program provides skilled care, at no cost, to those who are not eligible for traditional hospice services.

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency and our Board of Directors are extremely grateful to the Town of Easton for its support of our agency. This allows us to fulfill our mission to provide services to all individuals regardless of their ability to pay. Home Health Care is critical to serving the growing health care needs of this community. Our skilled clinical team is able to monitor health problems and provide disease management within the home setting that helps prevent more costly health care such as hospitalization and institutional care. North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency is committed to provide services in Easton to support clients and their families to remain in the comfort of one's home in a safe and supportive environment to improve overall health outcomes in the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Bussey, RN MS  
Executive Director

## GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our communities' older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln; and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and RSVP and the Volunteer Center. Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, community dining programs, transportation, outreach and counseling, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2012-13, 11 older residents of Easton were served by one or more of the Council's programs through the Littleton Area Senior Center, and 4 were assisted by ServiceLink:

- Easton residents enjoyed 137 hot nutritious meals with others in the Littleton Area Senior Center dining room.
- Easton residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 23 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- ServiceLink assisted Easton residents on 19 occasions.
- Easton citizens also volunteered 54 hours to GCSCC, sharing their time and talent.

The cost to provide Council services for Easton residents in 2012-13 was \$1,878.40.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical. *Easton's population over age 60 has increased by 79.6% over the past 20 years according to U.S. Census data from 1990 to 2010.*

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Easton's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enables them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner  
Executive Director

# **AMMONOOSUC COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES, INC.**

ACHS has been a vital part of the community since 1975 and **provides comprehensive primary preventive health care to anyone, regardless of their ability to pay.**

While many of our services are paid for through Medicare, Medicaid and grants our reimbursements through federal, state and county programs fall short of actual expenses, and recent budget cuts at all levels have made it even more difficult. Support from the Town of Easton is extremely important in the continued efforts to provide affordable health care services to the 26 rural towns in our service area.

Our uninsured and under-insured patient populations have been on the rise due to economic conditions-mainly loss of jobs and employer benefits. Our sliding fee scale for payment of services provides a vehicle for these patients to get the health care they need in a timely manner, preventing a possible costly emergency room visit or, worse yet, hospitalization because they could not afford to go to the doctor prior to the emergent episode. Keeping just one patient out of the ER could save taxpayers \$1,000-\$1,500 (average cost of an ER visit).

## **Services Provided**

- Comprehensive Primary Preventive Medical Care – Wellness Screening, Pediatrics, Chronic Disease Management, Geriatrics, Acute Illness Care
- Prenatal Care – Childbirth Education, Nurse/Midwife Services and Newborn Care
- Family Planning – Birth Control, STD and HIV Testing and Counseling
- Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening Program
- Behavioral Health – Counseling
- Oral Health Referrals and Voucher Program
- Pharmacy Services – In-house Pharmacy, Medication Management, Low-Cost Drug Program
- Financial Services – Sliding Fee Scale for eligible patients

## **ACHS Statistics**

- Number of Unduplicated Medical Clients Served – 9,443
- Number of Medical Visits – 33,288
- Client/Payor Mix: 14.4% Medicaid, 19.6% Medicare, 19.3% Uninsured, 46.7% Insured
- Value of free medications provided to our patients – \$828,206
- Value of discounted health care services provided to our patients – \$1,170,505 (Sliding Fee Scale)

## **Town of Easton Statistics**

- Total # of Patients – 62
- Total # of Medicaid Patients – 1
- Total # of Medicare Patients – 24
- Total # of Self-Paying Patients – 2
- Total # of Sliding Fee Scale Patients – 7

Respectfully submitted,  
Edward D. Shanshala II, MSHSA, MSED  
Chief Executive Officer



## TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION

Tri-County Community Action Program is a private, non-profit agency that is requesting, \$2,150 in funding from the Town of Easton. The funds requested are used in two very important ways. We receive matching grants to continue providing direct assistance to your citizens. Secondly, your local Community Contact Office is only funded by the Fuel Assistance programs from December through April. We start taking applications in July so applications can be processed by the time the program opens, saving Towns substantial money in their Town Welfare budget for emergency heating assistance.

### THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION, THE CITIZENS OF EASTON HAVE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF \$34,255 IN ASSISTANCE.

The following is a report of services provided in the fiscal year July 2012 - June 2013:

	Number of Households	Dollar Amount
Fuel Assistance	8	\$ 6,150.00
Electrical Assistance	3	1,621.00
Weatherization	2	18,522.00
Furnace Program	2	7,062.00
Energy Assistance Programs (Citizens/KYNWF/NHN etc.)	2	900.00
		<hr/> \$34,255.00

Tri-County CAP provides the above and other critical services for the less fortunate citizens in your Town and surrounding communities, thus easing the increasing burden on Town Welfare budgets, **year round**.

We sincerely appreciate the Town of Easton's past support and look forward to continuing our partnership with your Town.

Sincerely,  
Karen Hoyt  
Littleton Community Contact Manager

# **TOWN OF EASTON**

## **FEES**

(As of March 2014 - Subject to Change)

### **Building Permit Application Fee**

**\$75.00**

### **9-1-1 Building Numbering**

**\$30.00**

### **Current Use Application**

**\$20.00**

### **Driveway Permit for Town Roads**

**\$20.00**

### **Reappraisal Charges**

**\$45.00**

### **Subdivision Application Fees**

**Minor and Major Subdivisions: \$200.00**

**Plus \$10.00 per Abutter**

**This Covers All Filing Fees**

**Minor Lot Line Adjustment and/or Boundary Agreement: \$10.00**

### **Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances**

**Available on the Town of Easton Website - [www.townofeastonnh.org](http://www.townofeastonnh.org)**

**Planning Board Site**

**Paper Copies for Review Available at Town Hall**

### **Copies**

**Taxpayers - \$0.10 per page**

**Non-Taxpayers - \$0.25 per page**

**Non-Resident Tax Card - \$5.00 – A Link on the Town Website is Forthcoming**

### **Faxes**

**\$1.00 per page**

***Clerical Time to Meet Miscellaneous Information Requests***

***\$25.00 per Hour, Payable Before Information Is Released.***

## **EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

### **Police – Fire – Medical Emergency**

**9-1-1**

### **New Hampshire State Police – Troop F**

**846-3333**

### **Fire Chief**

**Charles Casey – 823-0020 or 616-8053**

### **Fire Wardens**

**Warden – Arthur Rainville – 823-9558**

**Deputy – Darrel Gearhart – 823-7152**

**Deputy – Charles Casey – 823-0020**

### **Town Clerk and Tax Collector**

**Town Hall Telephone – 823-8017**

**Town Hall Fax – 823-7780**

### **Hours**

**Thursday: 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
and by appointment**

**A license for all dogs is required by May 1, 2014**

**A Current Rabies Certificate is required in Easton  
in order to license a dog.**



DATE DUE

Select Board

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December

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Select Board Meetings – 6:00 p.m. every other Monday evening.  
Meetings on Memorial Day and Labor Day are scheduled for the next day (Tuesday).

\*Planning Board Meetings – 7:00 p.m. first Thursday of each month.

Conservation Commission – 6:30 p.m. second Wednesday of each month.

Department Head Meetings with the Select Board – by request.



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